First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020
“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”

COMMUNION TO THE SICK
If you or someone you know is sick or homebound, please call for the assistance of a Minister of Care. Ministers of Care bring communion to those who cannot come to Mass. Please call the office at 480-982-2929 for more information.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMERGENCY
If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near death call 480-982-2929 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours and on weekends call 480-303-1253. Please do not use this service for any other reason.

INFANT BAPTISM
Parents requesting baptism for their children under 7 years old must attend a mandatory preparation class offered every other month. Please call the Parish Office in advance for scheduling or other information. Infant baptisms are the last Sunday of each month.

MARRIAGES/MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Couples seeking the sacrament of marriage must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of St. George Roman Catholic Parish. Notification of intent to marry must be provided nine months in advance. For more information on the marriage preparation process, please call the Parish Office.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY,  March 2, 2020
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 6)
3:00 a.m. I.C.R.G (Room 2)
7:00 p.m. K of C Council & Assembly

TUESDAY,  March 3, 2020
1:00 p.m. Bridge (Social Hall)
3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2020
8:00 a.m. Rosary Makers (Social Hall)
9:00 a.m. Ladies Guild
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Movie (Room 3)
“God’s Master Plan”
4:00 p.m. Choir (Atrium)

THURSDAY, March 5, 2020
8:30 a.m. Quilters (Social Hall)
9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Room 3)
1:30 p.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Chapel)
1:30 p.m. Welcome Back Catholics (Room 3)
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Social Hall)

FRIDAY,  March 6, 2020
3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)
4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Followed by Soup and Bread

SATURDAY, March 7, 2020
Grand Raffle Sales

SUNDAY,  March 8, 2020
Grand Raffle Sales

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Each year the Annual Catholic Appeal blesses us with the opportunity to live our faith and to practice the virtue of charity. When resources are shared to assist people in need, we are living our faith. Each gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports numerous ministries, charities and services throughout our Diocese.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS $183,000
We are at 25% ~ Thank You

UPCOMING EVENTS
March 10—Help for the Needy lunch/meeting
March 11—Baptism Class
March 13—Soup & Bread (Grief & R.C.I.A.)
March 16 — St. Joseph’s Table
March 20—Soup & Bread (Help for the needy)
For the full monthly calendar of Parish Events please visit our website at: www.stgeorgeaj.com.

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION
The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

2nd COLLECTION
There will be a second collection next weekend, March 7 and 8 for the Building, Equipment, & Special Projects Fund.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Starting Friday, February 28, 2020
Fridays 4:00 p.m.
(Followed by Soup & Bread)

LENTEN REGULATIONS
ABSTINENCE (meat) Binds all those 14 years and older all Fridays of Lent. (It is not strictly required for Holy Saturday, although it is strongly recommended wherever possible).

FASTING (Limiting oneself to ONE full meal for the day) Binds those between ages of 18 and 59 for Good Friday and recommended where possible on Holy Saturday.
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**Monday**  March 2, 2020
8:00 a.m. McLouth Family
+Lois Popovich
+Val and Jack Rychlak

**Tuesday**  March 3, 2020
8:00 a.m. All member of the Nelson Family
+Mary Hamilton
+Tiffany Valiante

**Wednesday**  March 4, 2020
8:00 a.m. Josephine Alvarado
+Gloria Diedrick
+Deceased members of the Herman Rasch Family

**Thursday**  March 5, 2020
8:00 a.m. +Marylou Anderson
+Sarah Bowyer
+Deceased members of the Schram Family

**Friday**  March 6, 2020
8:00 a.m. The Gibbs Family
+Sharon Hirman
+Dennis Loecken

**Saturday**  March 7, 2020
11:30 a.m. Gerald Kleman Family
+Marylou Anderson
+Bill Nims

**Sunday**  March 8, 2020
6:30 a.m. Rita and Anthony Weber
8:15 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. +Antoinette Chicky
+Virginia Goffrey
+Kate Kelly
11:30 a.m. Philip Sirhan
+Marylou Anderson
+Bill Nims
6:00 p.m. Maria Celestina Abdegano
Soul in Purgatory

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**Knights of Columbus**
**Annual Charity Drawing Tickets**
Tickets for the Arizona Knights of Columbus Charity drawing are available in the parish office. **St. George Parish will receive half of the proceeds for the sales.** The other half will go to charities in Arizona after deducting expenses.

$30,000 in cash prizes will be awarded:
- **1st Prize:** $10,000
- **2nd Prize:** $7,000
- **3rd Prize:** $5,000
- **4th Prize:** $3,000
- **5th Prize:** $2,000
- **6th Prize:** $1,000

The drawing will take place Saturday, May 16
Winner need not be present!

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**Ladies Guild Meeting**
Ladies Guild monthly meeting is this Wednesday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Reminder to bring the following: Pantry Shower items for the San Carlos Mission, food items you agreed to bring for the Soup and Bread that we have on Friday, March 6th. Also, don’t forget to show up and help on the times you signed up for on Friday. After the meeting and rosary, those who already paid will travel to Barleen’s for lunch and a show. We will carpool from the church. Have a Blessed Week! Don’t forget to support our Gift Shop.

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**Divine Mercy Ministry**
**“MOVIE SERIES”**
The Second Greatest Story Ever Told……
**Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in Room 3**
March 4—God’s Master Plan
March 11—Mary’s Knight
March 18—The Final Question

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**Help for the Needy**
**Volunteer Lunch/Meeting**
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
11:30 a.m.
Social Hall
The schedules for April and May will be available at this meeting.

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**In Loving Memory**
Mary Barnwell
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

INVITING CATHOLICS TO COME HOME

Years of non-participation have made many Catholics feel like strangers in their own church. To help familiarize you with the Church, the following 5 part series entitled:

“COME HOME TO ALL CATHOLICS”
Will be presented on Thursdays
Starting February 20 through March 19
1:30 p.m. in Room 3
ST. GEORGE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

The series will address what Catholics believe, reconciliation, marriage & annulments, Mass and community.

Any questions: please call the Parish office: 480-982-2929

NOTE: Please see the Coming Home to All Catholics flyers at the brochure racks and give them to someone who says “I haven’t been to Mass in years” or “I used to be Catholic.”
Sunday, March 1, 2020
Desert-ed – A Life Night on Lent
The goal of this evening is to help our teens understand how the season of Lent calls us out of the garden and into the desert with Christ for a time of preparation and purification. This night will also help our teens experience through the five senses the changes that happen during Lent within the Church.

For more information……..
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Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Prayer: Tuning In to God
We continue with our semester on Sacraments and Prayer with Prayer: Tuning In to God. This session focuses on God’s constant presence and desire for relationship with us. It encourages the students to consider ways they can tune in to God’s presence.

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Chordial-Aires
Women’s Show Chorus
The Chordial-Aires Women’s Show Chorus is coming to entertain you in the church hall on Monday, March 9th at 4:00 p.m. They have performed in the East Valley for approximately 25 years, and will present a variety of choreographed songs. This is always an exciting performance and this year they are inviting the “Men of Song” (a barber shop chorus) to join them. Come and fill the hall. No tickets required.

Chordial-Aires
Women’s Show Chorus

No Religious Education Classes:
Grades 1-3 Sunday—March 8 & 15 & 22, 2020
EDGE, SPC 6-12 Tuesday, March 10 & 17, 2020
Grades K-3, SPC 3-5 & God’s Angels—Wednesday, March 11 & 28, 2020
Life Teen Sunday—March 8 & 15, 2020
Enjoy your Spring Break!
Join us for the 2020 St. George Roman Catholic Parish Student Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament Sunday, March 15, 2020

$125.00 per player, $500 per team early bird. Brochure/Registration available in brochure rack in vestibules, parish office and parish website.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;
Saturday: First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

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- Stay and Play!
- Gold Canyon Golf Resort
- Msgr. Pinti’s Authentic Italian Dinner (For 10 guests) (2 dinners available)

Tickets are on sale in the parish office
Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20.00

2020 St. George Roman Catholic Parish Scholarship Applications Available from website or parish office

Applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Graduate in the Class of 2020
- Confirmed in the Catholic church.
- Demonstrate leadership in church, school, or community-related activities
- A practicing Catholic in St. George Roman Catholic Parish.

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Please bring a copy of your child’s birth Certificate.

REMINDER
The next Baptism Class will be held on Wednesday March 11 at 5:30 p.m.
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